counter the marketing strategies of China and Indonesia (main Rosin/OPR exporting countries); and

(d) the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The basic customs duty on Oleo Pine Resin and Rosin is 20% and 40% respectively. In addition to basic customs duty, special customs duty at the rate of 2% is also leviable. Representations have been received seeking reduction of import duty on Oleo Pine Resins and increase in differential duty between Oleo Pine Resin and Rosin. These representations are under examination.

Setting up of Agricultural Development Finance Institutions

316. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up State Level Agricultural Development Finance Institutions with NABARD as Chief Promoter;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such institutions have since been set-up in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, their location, functions with criteria laid to make use of these institutions?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Government have decided to set up State Level Agricultural Development Finance Companies (LADFCs) with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) as the Chief Promoter, for promoing investment in commercial or high-technology agriculture and allied activities such as floriculture, horticulture and agro-processing.

(c) and (d) A State Level Agricultural Development Finance Company (SLADFC) entitled 'AGRI-BUSINESS FINANCE (AP) LTD.' has recently been registered in Andhra Pradesh with the Registrar of Companies (AP). The Company will function with its Registered Office at Hyderabad. The objective of the Company is to strengthen the flow of credit for commercial or high-technology agriculture, export-oriented agriculture and allied activities including infrastructure and support system.

Loan provided by Nationalised Banks for Rural Development

317. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise loans, which have been provided by the nationalised banks for rural development during the year 1996-97, till date; and

(b) the extent of loans provided to the State of Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The data reporting system of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) does not generate information in the manner asked for. However, the State-wise position of loans (outstanding) provided by the nationalised banks in rural areas, including the State of Punjab (as reported by RBI), is given in the statement.

Statement

State/Union Territory-wise Loans (Outstanding) of Nationalised Banks in Rural Areas as at the end of September, 1996.

(Rs. in crores)

	State/Union Territory	Amount
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1.82
2.	Andhra Pradesh	1376.81
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	10.71
4.	Assam	362.81
5.	Bihar	954.01
6.	Chandigarh	37.75
7.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	8.87
8.	Daman & Diu	—
9.	Goa	134.31
10.	Gujarat	1058.75
11.	Haryana	524.81
12.	Himachal Pradesh	301.61
13.	Jammu & Kashmir	18.14
14.	Karnataka	1183.38
15.	Kerala	114.71
16.	Lakshadweep	2.35
17.	Madhya Pradesh	788.12
18.	Maharashtra	1377.51
19.	Manipur	35.87
20.	Meghalaya	10.27
21.	Mizoram	—
22.	Nagaland	1.90